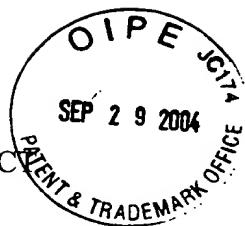


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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 29, 2004, a petition for three month extension of time, a Notice of Appeal and the appropriate fees having been timely filed July 29, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above identified application in view of the following remarks and accompanying Rule 1.132 Declaration.

**Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.**